

In re Patent Application of:  
WOLF ET AL  
Serial No. 10/086,031  
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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 5 are currently pending. Claims 1 to 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(f) alleging the applicant did not invent the claimed subject matter as Published United States Patent Applications Nos. 2003/0161593 (Stackhouse) and 2003/0159280 (Young et al) disclose the claimed subject matter. Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The attached declarations by the inventors under 34 CFR 1.132 attest to the fact that the disclosure relating to the present invention, found in United States Patent Applications Nos. 2003/0161593 and 2003/0159280 (cited references), was derived from the inventors of the present invention as a consequence of working with the inventors of the cited references at OptronX Inc. Applicant's previous agent filed twelve patent applications on the same day, February 27, 2002, each with a different set of claims, but the same description. Accordingly, any disclosure of the different inventions in any of the applications was derived from the actual inventors. Reconsideration of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(f) is hereby requested.

Claim 3 of the application has been amended by the replacement of the term "laser" with the more appropriate term "heat-generating component", which is introduced in claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration of the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection is hereby requested.

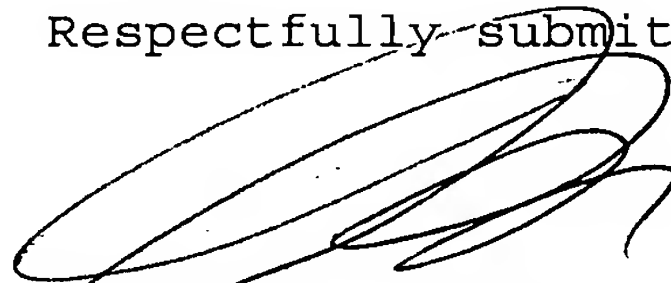
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As such, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration would be appreciated.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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